thereof and what measures have been taken to implement the same;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have formulated a scheme to mobilise resources exclusively for resolving this scheme; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) With a view to improving the working conditions and increasing the employment potential of women, Government have been implementing a scheme of financial assistance to voluntary organisations to take up action oriented projects. However, there is no sector specific scheme to resolve the problem of women labour working in Industrial, Agricultural and Super Bazar sector.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

कृषि उत्पादों को एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान पर लाना ले जान

1346. **श्री सोमपाल :** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश में कृषि उत्पादों को एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान पर लाने पर लगे सभी प्रतिबंधों को समाप्त कर दिया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकरी है कि कुछ राज्य सरकारें इस नीति से सहमत नहीं है और वे अपने-अपने राज्यों में इन प्रतिबंधों को अभी भी बनाए हुए है,

(ग) यदि हां, तो इन राज्यों के नाम क्या है और क्या सरकार ने इन राज्यों की ऐसी नीति के कारणों को जानने के लिए कोई प्रयास किया है,

(घ) क्या सरकार इन राज्यों को प्रतिबंध समाप्त करने के लिए सहमत कराने का कोई प्रयास कर रही है,

(ड.) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या परिणाम रहे हैं,

(च) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजित सिंह) : (क) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने मार्च, 1993 में सभी राज्यों/संघ शसित प्रदेशों को यह परामर्श दिया था कि खाद्यान्नों (गेहूं, चालव/धान और मोटे अनाज) पर से संचलन संबंधी सभी प्रकार के प्रतिबंध समाप्त कर दिए जाएं । फिलहाल गेंहूं और मोटे अनाजों के लिए सम्पूर्ण देश एकल खाद्य जोन है ।

(ख) और (ग) पश्चिमी बंगाल, आंध्र प्रदेश तथा जम्मू और कश्मीर को छोड़कर सभी राज्यों/संघ शासितों प्रदेशों ने या तो वहां लागू संचलन संबधी प्रतिबंध समाप्त कर दिए हैं अथवा यह सूचित किया है कि उनके यहां खाद्यान्नों पर संचलन संबंधी प्रतिबंध नहीं है । इन तीन राज्यों में भी केवल धान/चावल के लिए संचलन संबंधी प्रतिबंध है । जम्मू और कश्मीर ने चावल की स्थानीय मोटी किस्म के संबंध में संचलन पर प्रतिबंध लगाया है ताकि राज्य में इसकी उपलब्धता सुश्तिच की जा सके । पश्चिमी बंगाल में केवल सांविधिक राशनिंग के अधीन कवर कर किए गए क्षेत्रों और अंतराष्ट्रीय सीमा के पास के क्षेत्रों मे खाद्यान्नों के संचलन पर प्रतिबंध है । राज्य सरकार महसूस करती है कि मूल्यों में संभावित वृद्धि को रोकने के लिए ऐसे प्रतिबंध आवश्यक है । आंध्र प्रदेश सरकार खाद्यान्नों के संचलन पर प्रतिबंध जारी रखना चाहती है ताकि सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली चलाने के लिए चावल की अधिकतम वसूली हो सके जिसके अधीन अत्यधिक सब्सिडी प्राप्त दरों पर चावल वितरित किया जाता है ।

(घ)से (च) संबधित राज्य सरकारों से अनुरोध किया गया है कि वे प्रतिबंध समाप्त कर दें ताकि वे समुचे देश को एकल खाद्य जाने बचाने की राष्ट्रीय नीति की धारा में शामिल हो सकें।

Impact of Singarcni strike on coal production

1347. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of. COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of Singareni Collieries strike on efforts by Coal India Limited for increasing the production capacity

to meet the demand of coal by power stations located in Western and Southern India;

(b) the problems faced by CIL in this regard; and

(c) how the gap in coal despatch has been met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAG-DISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) During the strike at Singarcni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), efforts were made to ensure that coal supplies to the power stations linked to that company were not affected. Coal to an extent of nearly 11.00 lakh tonnes was supplied from the subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited (CIL) to various power houses linked to SCCL. These supplies were made from Western Coalfields Ltd. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. and South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. As a result of these efforts, all the power houses served by SCCL continued almost normal generation of power during the strike period. The extra supplies from the subsidiaries of CIL was made from stocks as well as by diverting coal meant for consumers linked to CIL.

Schemes for Self-Employment

1348. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any centrally sponsored scheme for self-employment have been launched in the country particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA): (a) and (b) The centrally sponsored schemes for self-employment currently in operation in the States and Union Territories including Punjab are (i) the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) which aims at providing self-employment opportunities to the rural poor through assistance in the form of subsidy and bank credit to enable them to acquire productive assets , and appropriate skills to cross the poverty line on a sustained basis and (ii) as part of the Nehru Rozgar Yojana, the Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME), of which aims at skill upgradation and provision of subsidy and loan to urban poor beneficiaries with the objective of setting up micro enterprises in industries, services and business.

(c) Does not arise.

Assistance of Research Organisations in Exports

1349. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to seek the assistance of research organisations to identify openings in exports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Sir, the Government have been getting studies done by researchers from time to time. Recently, the Govcrment have assigned studies on increased export possibilities in the post-Uruguay Round era, in three sectors viz. agriculture and allied products, industrial goods and services, by research organisations so as to locate areas, identify products, countries, and supportive policy measures required to exploit India's export potential.

Duping of Money by Agencies Sending Manpower Abroad

1350. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI NAGMANI:

Will the Minister Of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Goverment that some agencies